

Amendments to the Specification

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Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

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This invention pertains to balloon catheter covers that
are elastic fabric structures of interconnected yarns and a method for making
them. ~~the~~ The structure has having a high degree of stretch and recovery in
the circumferential direction with little change in dimension in the longitudinal
direction. It retains these properties during multiple pressurization cycles over
full range of inflation and deflation of the balloon catheter. The covers have
longitudinal yarns positioned at about zero degrees to the balloon axis and
reversibly-stretchable, circumferential yarns positioned at a high angle \emptyset to
the axis.

~~A method for making the balloon catheter covers allowing nearly
orthogonal placement of circumferential and longitudinal yarns involves triaxial
braiding a minimum number of elastomeric braid yarns with multiple axial
yarns to provide maximum convergence angle (approaching 90 degrees).~~